# **2006 NWACP Updates**

June 1, 2006
Executive Committee
Meeting

## **Background**

- Beginning in 2003, Steering Committee has been conducting annual reviews of NWACP
- Plan usually published in February of each year
- Delayed this year due to Katrina distractions and ongoing work on dispersant use policy, JIC Manual, and Places of Refuge

## **Process for NWACP Updates**

- Charter for each workgroup contains an objective to review and provide input to the Steering Committee annually on recommended changes to the NWACP
- Steering Committee members each assigned a chapter of the NWACP
- Chapter leads coordinate with workgroups and other Steering Committee members on changes/updates
- Substantive changes are discussed among Steering Committee and changes made if necessary to reach consensus
- If consensus cannot be reached, issue/language elevated to Executive Committee for resolution

- Preface
  - Transmittal letter updated to summarize changes and initial assessment list updated to reflect recommendations from WA State Oil Spill Early Action Task Force
- Chapter 1000 (Introduction)
  - Editorial updates only

- Chapter 2000 (Command)
  - Criteria added for consideration in determining Unified Command membership (Section 2210)
  - Pre-JIC language added (Section 2220.1)
    - Language drafted by Communications and Outreach workgroup and reviewed/approved by Steering Committee
  - Minor modifications to Public Information Office (Section 2220) and Liaison Officer (Section 2240) roles and responsibilities to be more consistent with NIMS

- Chapter 3000 (Operations)
  - Minor editorial changes
- Chapter 4000 (Planning)
  - Addition of CERCLA response criteria (Section 4311)
  - Additions and clarifications related to NMFS biological opinion for ESA species and habitat (Section 4314)
  - Additional and enhanced language on GRPs (Section 4400)
  - New dispersant policy language (Section 4600)

- Chapter 5000 (Logistics)
  - No changes
- Chapter 6000 (Finance)
  - No changes
- Chapter 7000 (Haz Mat)
  - Editorial changes only
- Chapter 8000 (Marine Fire Fighting)
  - Editorial changes only

- Chapter 9000
  - New JIC Manual (Section 9610)
  - Updated Oil Spill Best Management Practices (Section 9680)
    - Revised to reflect new dispersant policy
  - New Places of Refuge section (Section 9690)

## **Next Steps**

- Thoroughly review and incorporate comments on dispersant policy from Makah Tribe and Olympic Coast National Marine Sanctuary
- Conduct final technical editing of document
- June RRT/NWAC meeting
  - Brief entire RRT/NWAC and public on 2006 NWACP
  - Ceremonial signing of plan
- July 1, 2006
  - Web posting of revised plan
  - Email to list serve
- August 2006
  - Letter to all tribes in 3 states inviting them to become more involved in our oil and hazardous substance spill planning and preparedness system